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■ The Optimist Club presents the Officer of the Year Award to one officer from Winthrop Police, Rock Hill Police, York County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina Highway Patrol who goes above and beyond the call of duty.

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — The **Optimist Club of Rock Hill** has selected Winthrop University's **Lt. Wes Wiles** as its **2017 Officer of the Year**.

Wiles was recognized for his outstanding work with Winthrop Campus Police, including:

- *Investigating and solving campus crimes effectively;
- *Coordinating the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program;
- *Serving as the police quartermaster, which involves overseeing the department's equipment and supply functions;
- *Overseeing the evidence room;
- *Managing more than 500 events this year; and
- *Assigning more than 1,000 man hours per year.

Chief Frank Zebedis noted that Lt. Wiles is a dedicated employee who is committed to the department and campus community.

"I'm just very grateful to the folks at the Optimist Club for this recognition, and very proud to serve the Winthrop community," Wiles said.

The Optimist Club presents the Officer of the Year Award to one officer from Winthrop Police, Rock Hill Police, York County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina Highway Patrol who goes above and beyond the call of duty. Past Winthrop awardees include Sgt. Chris Parks, Sgt. Chris Yearta and Sgt. Thomas Dunham.

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